

Mission Valley East LRT Extension

San Diego, California

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Description

The Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) is constructing a 5.9-mile Mission Valley East Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension of the agency's Blue Line from its current termini east of I-15 to the City of La Mesa, where it will connect to the existing Orange Line near Baltimore Drive. The project includes four new stations at Grantville, San Diego State University, Alvarado Medical Center, and 70th Street. The project will also serve two existing stations at Mission San Diego and Grossmont Center, and purchase 11 low floor LRT vehicles. The project has elevated, at-grade and tunnel segments, two park-and-ride lots, and a new access road between Waring Road and the Grantville Station. The project is expected to serve approximately 10,800 average weekday boardings in 2015.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for this extension is \$430.96 million (escalated dollars). The Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$329.96 million.

Status

A Major Investment Study/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (MIS/DEIS) was completed in May 1997. The Locally Preferred Alternative was selected by MTDB in October 1997, with concurrence from the San Diego Association of Governments (the local Metropolitan Planning Organization). The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the project into Preliminary Engineering (PE) in March 1998. PE was completed in July 1998. The Final EIS was completed and FTA issued a Record of Decision in August 1998. FTA approved the project into Final Design in October 1998. FTA and MTDB entered into an FFGA on June 22, 2000 with a revenue operations date of December 31, 2005. Construction started in November 2000 and is approximately 40 percent complete. Revenue operations are scheduled to begin on December 31, 2005.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(76) authorized the Mission Valley East Corridor for final design and construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$112.72 million in Section 5309 funds to this project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars		
<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
Federal:		
Section 5309 New Starts FFGA Commitment	\$329.96	\$112.72 million appropriated through FY 2002
Flexible Funds	\$ 13.70	
State:		
TCI	\$ 4.10	
TSM	\$ 0.80	
STIP	\$ 62.90	
Local:		
Transnet Sales Tax	\$ 19.50	
TOTAL	\$430.96	\$1 million in-kind ROW donation not included in total.

NOTE: Total may not add due to rounding.

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